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What the world can learn from Denmark’s failed fat tax

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The Danish tax ministry announced Saturday that it's scrapping a fat tax it introduced in October of last year, saying the measure has only increased companies' administrative costs and caused Danes to venture across the border to purchase their unhealthy snacks.

"The fat tax and the extension of the chocolate tax, the so-called sugar tax, has been criticized for increasing prices for consumers, increasing companies' administrative costs and putting Danish jobs at risk," the Danish tax ministry said in a statement Saturday.